



# *The Old Ironsides Report*



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## West Point educators show support for Iraqi schools

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Baghdad, Iraq— Faculty members from the United States Military Academy at West Point have come to Baghdad University College of Veterinary Medicine to show support for the education system in Iraq.

Brigadier General Daniel J. Kaufman, dean of the academic board at West Point, met with faculty members to promote a strong education system for a country liberated from the shadow of an old regime.

“We are demonstrating support for the Iraqi educators,” said Kaufman. “This is a step toward integrating Iraqi schools with the international community of scholars.”

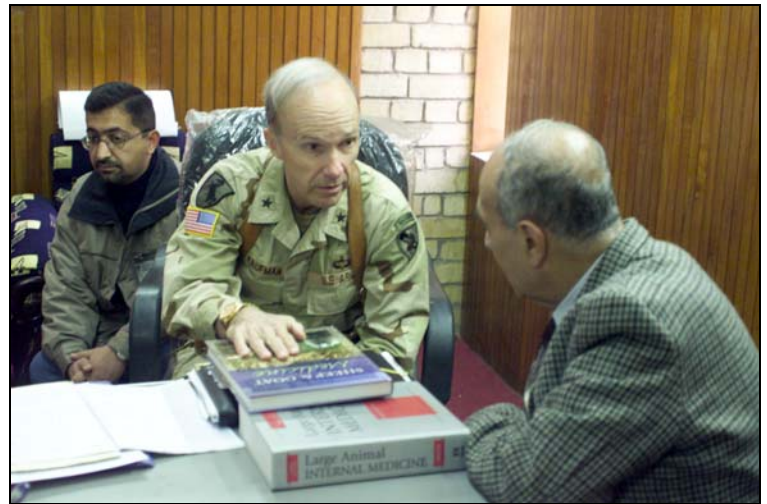
Kaufman said, while in Iraq, his intension is to assist education officials understand the current trends and standards of education in the rest of the world.

Along with Kaufman, eight other West Point staffers are converging on schools in the Baghdad area. The staffers lecture on everything from civil engineering and computer science, to physics and political theory.

“It is great to see the dedication of Iraqis to rebuild the system and provide the best education for their people,” said Kaufman.

Kaufman also said that the development of Iraq depends heavily on the reestablishment of its education system and the willingness of Iraqis to take responsibility for that development.

“We are demonstrating that we understand the importance of education,” said Kaufman. “It is education that will lead to a free and prosperous Iraq.”



Brigadier General Daniel J. Kaufman, dean of the academic board at West Point, met with Dr. Majid Injidi, Dean of the Baghdad University College of Veterinary Medicine to promote a strong education system in Baghdad.

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## News

### **Iraq Army Desertions May Force Pay Raises**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Faced with the desertion of nearly half the new Iraqi army, the U.S. military is thinking about raising the pay scale for Iraqi soldiers as it trains more to join the force, the commander of U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq said Saturday. U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said a separate, 550-member force drawn from militias affiliated with Iraqi political parties was being trained to fight insurgents in Baghdad. The unit, he said, was part of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and would work under the command of the 1st Armored Division, the U.S. military unit in charge of the Iraqi capital.

### **Delegates Begin Afghan Constitution Talks**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Delegates assembling from every corner of Afghanistan on Saturday faced tough debate in hammering out the first post-Taliban constitution, the bedrock of what Afghans hope will be a better life after years of war. Under intense security, some 500 representatives - from village mullahs to Western-educated exiles - must work out the role of Afghan women, Islam's place in politics and the sharing of power in a nation accustomed to fighting over it.

### **Scientists Warn of Coming Flu Pandemic**

NEW YORK (AP) - As bad as this year's flu season is, it hasn't brought the worldwide outbreak known as a pandemic. But experts warn that a pandemic is coming, it's just a question of when. "It's going to happen," said Dr. Greg Poland of the Mayo Clinic. "For the American public in particular, I think it will be horrific."

## *Chaplain's Thought for the Day*

### *Brevity*

At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee second baseman, offered a prayer that is a classic in brevity and poignancy: "Dear God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. Amen."

## Sports

### **Rangers All Smiles at Jagr's Introduction**

OTTAWA (AP) -- Jaromir Jagr pulled a white New York Rangers jersey with his signature No. 68 over his head, and captain Mark Messier beamed. "Oh, yeah, looks good," Messier said as he flashed a big smile. "Very good." Flanked by alternate captains Eric Lindros and Brian Leetch, Messier and Jagr appeared equally excited that the five-time NHL scoring leader was finally with New York. "Coming to play on the biggest stage in the world doesn't come without pressure," Messier said. "Obviously, he's picked up a lot of the pressure that the team's endured over the last five or six years, but speaking from experience, no one player can do it alone."

## *Oddly Enough...*

### **Marijuana Fumes Force Cops to Leave Work**

JERUSALEM (AP) -- The fumes from several tons of marijuana stored in an Israeli police station were so strong that officers had to leave their work place. The police station in the town of Dimona in the southern Negev Desert is used to store all the marijuana confiscated along the Israeli-Egyptian border, a busy smuggling route. Between three and four tons were seized in the past two months. "The smell was overpowering," police spokesman Gil Kleiman said Friday. Finally, it was too much for the officers working next door to the storage room, and they had to leave their offices. "Every time I came to work I felt very bad, like I was high. The smell of the marijuana was killing us, we couldn't work," one officer told the Israeli newspaper Maariv. Next week the marijuana will be destroyed, but the room is expected to fill up again in a couple of months, Kleiman said.

## *This Day in History*

In Los Angeles, California, cult leader Charles Manson is convicted, along with followers Susan Atkins, Leslie Van Houten, and Patricia Krenwinkel, of the brutal 1969 murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others. Manson established a cult based on his concept of "Helter Skelter"--an apocalyptic philosophy predicting that out of an imminent racial war in America would emerge five ruling angels: Manson, who would take on the role of Jesus Christ, and the four members of the Beatles.

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SUN BELT: NEW MEXICO STATE @ WESTERN KENTUCKY	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: AUBURN @ FLORIDA	THE DIVISION : - HERO	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - DELIVERANCE OF THE GODLY	FOX NEWS LIVE	0:00
0:30				CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?		0:30
1:00			INDECENT PROPOSAL	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF SUSANNA	FOX NEWS LIVE	1:00
1:30				CAFE VIDEO : - ON THE ROAD		1:30
2:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC (WOMEN'S): TENNESSEE @ DUKE	ESPNEWS		HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	2:00
2:30				AIR FORCE TV NEWS	MCLAUGHLIN GROUP	2:30
3:00		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - JESSICA SIMPSON & NICK LACHEY	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - BLUESVILLE	WISHBONE : - THE HUNCHDOG OF NOTRE DAME	CAPITAL GANG	3:00
3:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - FOLLOW ME	SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - BEST OF ERNIE AND BERT		3:30
4:00	NHL - DALLAS STARS @ ST. LOUIS BLUES		MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: PITTSBURGH @ SYRACUSE	WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW	4:00
4:30		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD	REAL VIDEOS : - MISS ANGIE		HEADLINE NEWS	4:30
5:00			THE SIMPSONS : - TREEHOUSE OF HORROR XIII		PEOPLE IN THE NEWS	5:00
5:30		THE ENTERTAINERS	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			5:30
6:00			EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - ODD MAN OUT	ESPNEWS	CNN SATURDAY NIGHT	6:00
6:30	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 7 (JIP)	AMERICAN ATHLETE	THE KING OF QUEENS : - TWISTED SITTERS	ESPNEWS		6:30
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - THE ONE	HOUNDED	DATeline INTERNATIONAL	7:00
7:30		HOOR OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE BOOK				7:30
8:00		CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - DELIVERANCE OF THE GODLY	M*A*S*H : - COMRADES IN ARMS (PT. 1)		LARRY KING LIVE	8:00
8:30	NBA FASTBREAK	CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?	THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - FATHER'S DAY	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - BUBBLESTAND/ RIPPED PANTS		8:30
9:00	ESPNEWS	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF SUSANNA	ALL IN THE FAMILY : - ARCHIE AND THE MIRACLE	MOTORWEEK	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	9:00
9:30	SPORTS SPECIAL - 2004 L.A. AUTO SHOW: OHANA ROAD	CAFE VIDEO : - ON THE ROAD	THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - THE INVADERS	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		9:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	WISHBONE : - THE HUNCHDOG OF NOTRE DAME	FANTASY ISLAND : - ANNIVERSARY/ REUNION	WWE SMACKDOWN!	BELTWAY BOYS	10:00
10:30		SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - BEST OF ERNIE AND BERT			FOX NEWS WATCH	10:30
11:00	PGA TOUR - BOB HOPE CHRYSLER CLASSIC: THIRD ROUND	HOUNDED	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - BLUESVILLE	ANDROMEDA : - DAY OF JUDGEMENT, DAY OF WRATH	HEADLINE NEWS	11:00
11:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - FOLLOW ME		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	11:30
12:00			MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	HEADLINE NEWS	THE CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW	12:00
12:30		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - BUBBLESTAND/ RIPPED PANTS	REAL VIDEOS : - MISS ANGIE	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	12:30
13:00		MOTORWEEK	THE SIMPSONS : - TREEHOUSE OF HORROR XIII	JUDGING AMY : - CAUSE FOR ALARM	BIG STORY WEEKEND EDITION	13:00
13:30		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - ODD MAN OUT	THE WOOD	CNN PRESENTS	14:00
14:30		AIR FORCE TV NEWS	THE KING OF QUEENS : - TWISTED SITTERS			14:30
15:00	NFL FILMS PRESENTS - GAME OF THE WEEK	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - 2004 SENIOR BOWL	AMERICAN DREAMS : - THE ONE		FOX & FRIENDS	15:00
16:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: GEORGIA TECH @ NC STATE		M*A*S*H : - COMRADES IN ARMS (PT. 1)	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX & FRIENDS	16:00
16:30			THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - FATHER'S DAY	SEINFELD : - THE VISA		16:30
17:00			ALL IN THE FAMILY : - ARCHIE AND THE MIRACLE	MEET THE PRESS	CBS NEWS SUNDAY MORNING	17:00
17:30			THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - THE INVADERS			17:30
18:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	WWE SMACKDOWN!	FANTASY ISLAND : - ANNIVERSARY/ REUNION	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		18:00
18:30				ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	FACE THE NATION	18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	ANDROMEDA : - DAY OF JUDGEMENT, DAY OF WRATH	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - BLUESVILLE		HEADLINE NEWS	19:00
19:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - FOLLOW ME	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	19:30
20:00	NFL COUNTDOWN	ESPNEWS	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	SPORTSCENTER	LATE EDITION W/ WOLF BLITZER	20:00
20:30		NBA HANGTIME	REAL VIDEOS : - MISS ANGIE			20:30
21:00	WINTER X GAMES - VIII DAY 1	NBA - SACRAMENTO KINGS @ DALLAS MAVERICKS	THE SIMPSONS : - TREEHOUSE OF HORROR XIII	SPORTS SPECIAL - COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA WOMEN'S HIGHLIGHT SHOW		21:00
21:30			MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			21:30
22:00	ESPNEWS		EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - ODD MAN OUT	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: MICHIGAN STATE @ PURDUE	FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30	ESPNEWS		THE KING OF QUEENS : - TWISTED SITTERS			22:30
23:00	HBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING - JR. WELTERWEIGHTS: ARTURO GATTI VS GIANLUCA BRANCO		AMERICAN DREAMS : - THE ONE		FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00
23:30		ESPNEWS				23:30